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Ronnie Milsap

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Born blind, Ronnie Milsap's grandparents gave the boy over to the North Carolina State School for the Blind hoping for a better chance. There, Milsap discovered music – deviating from the school's classical curriculum to explore the nascent realms of race music, rock & roll and jazz. Being the brilliant kid he was, it wasn't long until he'd found his way into the local clubs and the tiny indie labels.

Suddenly, he was sharing bills with Ray Charles, and James Brown on a circuit that included the Howard Theater, the Royal Peacock, and more. It was Ray Charles who told the young pianist when he was offered a scholarship to Young Harris College's law program, "Son, I can hear the music inside you..." and that settled Milsap's fate.

Ronnie moved to Memphis where he was doing sessions with Chips Moman, where Elvis famously commanded, "More thunder on the keys, Milsap," during the recording of "Kentucky Rain." It was there he was asked to play the Whiskey on the famed Sunset Strip in LA. While staying at the notorious Hyatt House, Charley Pride, a famous man in country music, saw the white kid playing rock & soul and suggested giving Nashville a try.

Forty #1s. Five decades of charted singles. Creating a new way of recording, he broke genre rules and became one of the biggest pop/AC and even R&B artists of the late '70s and early '80s. Six Grammys. CMA Entertainer of the Year and four Album of the Year Awards. He also had the first country video played on MTV. Don't miss Ronnie Milsap!

Good seats are available for the performance at 7:30pm; \$38 for adults, \$30 for students, with group rates available. Call the Civic Hall Box Office for tickets: 765-973-3350, or visit www.civichall.com. Box Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30am - noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are happily accepted. There is a \$1.00 fee for mailing ticket orders and a \$5.00 fee for credit card processing.

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